

# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL - 'Gullwing' ex-John Surtees

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Lot sold	<b>USD 502 285 - 558 094</b> GBP 360 000 - 400 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1956	Innenfarbe	Sonstige
Getriebe	Schaltgetriebe	Zustand	Gebraucht
Antrieb	Zweirad	Standort	
Innenausstattung	Leder	Kraftstoff	Benzin
		Außenfarbe	Sonstige
		Automobiltyp	Coupé
		Markenfarbe außen	Flame Red

### Beschreibung

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It is something of a tribute to the speed and strength of the post-war German 'economic miracle' that only nine years elapsed between the end of WWII and the introduction of what was certainly one of the most sophisticated cars of the 1950s. The Mercedes-Benz 300 SL was conceived as a sports-racer rather than a sports car, first seen in competition in 300SLR form before the production model 300SL appeared; it went on to notch up an impressive number of competition successes beginning with a small number of racing SLR prototypes in 1952 in that year's Le Mans 24 Hours, and then in the marathon Carrera Panamericana. The production version came with a six-cylinder 3 litre instead of the straight 8, but carried over an amazing technical specification for the time. It combined

suspension and running gear from the then new 300 series production models with an amazingly light, multi

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